



EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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March 10, 2004

Mr. Nabil S. Fayoumi
U. S. EPA - Region 5
77 West Jackson Boulevard (SR-6J)
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590

**Re: Sauget Sites Area I - January 21, 1999 Administrative Order by Consent (AOC)
Monthly Report February 1 – February 29, 2004**

Dear Mr. Fayoumi,

Enclosed is the Sauget Sites Area I Monthly Report for the February 2004 reporting period. This submittal is in fulfillment of the monthly requirements of Section 2.4 Reporting, of the January 21, 1999 Final Administrative Order by Consent for Sauget Sites Area I, Sauget and Cahokia, Illinois.

As you know, Gary Vandiver the former Project Coordinator for this project, has taken early retirement from Solutia Inc. Additionally, negotiations are on-going with Monsanto/Pharmacia (with the U.S. Department of Justice acting as intermediary) as to the future management and financing of this AOC work in Sauget Area 1. We are hopeful that the parties will come to an agreement in the very near future on these issues, including the appointment of a Project Coordinator.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Smith", written in a cursive style.

Steven D. Smith

cc: Kevin Turner – USEPA
Tim Gouger - USACE
Sandra Bron - IEPA
Dave Webb - IDPH
Mike Coffey - USF&W
Richard Williams - Solutia
Cathleen Bumb - Solutia
Mayor Frank Bergman - Cahokia, IL
Village of Sauget - c/o P. H. Weis & Associates (Attn: Brian Nelson)
Mayor R. Sauget - Sauget, IL
Jeff Klieve - Monsanto

Sauget Sites Area I - Sauget, Illinois

AOC - EECA / RIFS

Status Report

Date of Report: March 10, 2004
Period Covered: February 1, 2004 - February 29, 2004

Work Performed during the Reporting Period

Borrow Pit Lake

Sediment sampling in the Borrow Pit Lake commenced on May 6, 2003 and was completed on May 14, 2003. All sampling activities were observed on a full time basis by a USEPA oversight contractor. No deficiencies or problems were identified by the oversight personnel during the sampling. Samples were shipped to the analytical laboratories identified in the QAPP for analysis. Laboratory results were validated. The draft report was submitted to the Agency on September 2, 2003.

The BPL ecological assessment was conducted on October 20-22, 2003. EPA oversight was in attendance.

Dead Creek

Received U.S. EPA's comments for:

- *Dead Creek, Review of Responses to Comments and Proposed Action Plan*
- *Human Health Risk Assessment, Sauget Area One Site, Illinois.*

DNAPL Work Plan

Comments were received on the DNAPL Investigation Work Plan that was submitted to the Agencies on February 28, 2003. Responses to these comments were submitted to the Agencies on May 13, 2003. The Agency responded on July 24, 2003, requiring Solutia to submit responses and an approvable DNAPL Work Plan that will address all focus areas and information requested in the January 9, 2003, U.S. EPA Additional Work Letter. The response to comments and the Work Plan were submitted to the Agency on August 14, 2003. Comments were received from the Agencies on October 15, 2003, and a response was sent on November 3, 2003.

Conditional approval of the DNAPL Workplan was received on December 23, 2003, which requires completion of the investigation and submittal of the DNAPL Report by June 23, 2004.

U.S. EPA requested that the DNAPL Work Plan be revised to include all of the agreed upon changes. Copies of the finalized Work Plan are to be submitted to the Agencies once the revisions are complete..

Attachments

There are no Technical Memoranda or data submittals with this report.

Work Scheduled for Next Reporting Period

Finalize and submit the DNAPL Work Plan. .

Submittal Schedule Status

No other submittals are currently scheduled.